

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Kinsman Ridge

Town of
EASTON
New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2012

The One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Easton Annual Report

Is Dedicated to Joseph Darvid



Mr. Darvid was born in Berlin, NH on August 14, 1920. He lived all of his life in Easton and died January 5, 2013.

Mr. Darvid's mother, Agnes, and his father, Stanley, emigrated from Eastern Europe in 1912. They met, married, and, in 1921, bought a large acreage farm at 1730 Easton Valley Road. This land is situated at the foothills of the Kinsman Range, south of Slide Brook, and was part of the Nathan Kinsman farm that was homesteaded as far back as 1837 (according to known records).

One of six children (three girls and three boys), Mr. Darvid attended school at the District No. 1 Schoolhouse. This one room school was located at the intersection of Route 116 and Sugar Hill Road and served the children of Easton until 1943. Mr. Darvid, along with his brothers, John and Anthony, left Easton to serve in the Pacific during WWII. They all returned home safely and Mr. Darvid continued, with his sister Anna, to live at and farm the family homestead.

Along with farming, Mr. Darvid, for many years, worked for the Pecketts of Sugar Hill. He also worked, throughout the years, for other area residents. Mr. Darvid was an expert at the operation and repair of heavy equipment as well as an adept carpenter. The barn on his property is a testament to his carpentry skills.

Mr. Darvid was a private person, but one who cared for others and one who would go out of his way to assist those in need. According to Anna Darvid, civic responsibility was instilled in her brothers and sisters by their father. To that end, Mr. Darvid was the first resident to pay his tax bill, and, without fail, registered all of his vehicles before their due date.

Mr. Darvid continued, throughout his life, to cherish and utilize his family's land in a responsible and sustainable manner. He maintained a bountiful garden and heated his home with wood from his forest. Mr. Darvid's knowledge of the land was evidenced in the exceedingly detailed maps he drew as a requirement for current use. According to Bob Thibault, Easton Town Clerk, rock formations were even included in these maps.

Joseph Darvid is a part of Easton's continuing rich history – a respected man whose life and legacy will continue to inspire and endure.

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ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
for the year ending December 31, 2012

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Submitted by ~ Daniel Ryan

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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Selectmen		Town Clerk	
Tom Boucher	(2013)	Robert Thibault	(2013)
Kevin O'Brien	(2014)		
Edward Cutler	(2015)		
Treasurer		Tax Collector	
Darrel Gearhart	(2013)	Lisa Cutler	(2013)
Moderator		Trustee of the Trust Funds	
Jim Collier	(2014)	Ralph Brigida	(2013)
Lafayette School Board		Supervisors of the Checklist	
Mary Jo Greene	(2014)	Ed O'Brien	(2016)
		Zhene (Zak) Mei	(2014)
Cemetery Trustees		Lisa Cutler	(2013)
Denys Draper	(2013)		
Kristina Pastoriza	(2015)		
Richard Larcom	(2014)		
		Library Trustees	
Amy Baker	(2013)	Laura Treuman	(2015)
			Laura Sabre
			(2014)
		Planning Board	
Andrew Noyes	(2013)	Gary Harwood	(2014)
Kathy Ouellette	(2015)	Kevin O'Brien	(Ex Officio)
Jim Collier	(2014)		

—————APPOINTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS—————

Fire Chief	Charles Casey	Emergency Manager	Edward Cutler
		Welfare Officer	Thomas Boucher
Zoning Board of Adjustment		Site Inspector	Art Rainville
Mike Kelley	(2014)		
John Hynes	(2014)	Road Agent	Robert Peckett
Dennis Ford	(2013)		
Greg Sorg	(2013)	Recreation Committee	Susan Ford
Tom Boucher	(Ex Officio)		Matt Koehler
Jack Feenstra	(Alternate)	Deputy Town Clerk	Shirley Boucher
Animal Control Officer	Richard Larcom	Deputy Tax Collector	Robert Thibault
		Conservation Commission	
Denys Draper	(2013)	Steven Sabre	(2015)
Maria Hynes	(2013)	Mike Platt	(2015)
Kristina Pastoriza	(2013)	Edward Cutler	(2014)
Anita Craven	(2015)	Roy Stever	(2014)
			Alternates
			Mike Platt
			(2015)
			Debbie Stever
			(2015)

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

During the past year, the Easton Select Board met every other Monday (see calendar on last page for this year's meeting dates) to conduct the usual (and sometimes unusual) business of the Town.

The Board thanked Councilwoman, Sonia German for her service to the Town, as she decided not to seek reelection. Our newly elected Selectman, Ned Cutler, began his three-year term immediately following Town Meeting.

Many projects were initiated during the year with most reaching completion. The highlights are:

New Well – A new well was completed for the Town Hall Complex after contamination of the water supply in the old well was detected and remediation was not possible. After water testing by Carr (who was hired to install the new well) and the State, the water supply in the Town Hall and the Fire House is now potable.

Paine Road – Safety concerns regarding vehicles using excess speed on Paine Road were brought to the Selectmen's attention. Working with Paine Road residents and the Town's Road Agent, a plan to install gates that require opening and closing at either end was agreed upon thus insuring greater safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

Gibson Road – The access and egress to Gibson Road present a hazard to both vehicles and pedestrians. The State finished a survey of the Road, setting forth plans for mitigating this problem. The Select Board is now in the process of accepting bids to complete the suggested work.

Sugar Hill Road – The State is undertaking and assuming the cost for repairs to Sugar Hill Road after many negotiations with the Select Board. Culverts were repaired this past fall, and the remainder of the work including ditching, shoulder work, and resurfacing will commence in the spring and finish in the summer of 2013. The Selectmen are in receipt of a letter from the DOT detailing the schedule for this work.

Community Forest – Selectman Ned Cutler represents Easton on the committee for the proposed Community Forest and keeps the Board updated about the progress in acquiring the property for the forest which will potentially benefit all of the surrounding communities.

Energy Initiative – Working with the newly formed, Easton Energy Committee, the Selectmen are looking into energy saving measures for the Town Hall including hot water monitoring, insulation in the basement, and insulation of pipes. Reducing energy usage is the goal.

We enjoyed meeting with the Public and doing our best to resolve concerns and conflicts and we look forward to serving the Town of Easton in the coming year. Please visit our webpage (that continues to improve) at. www.townofeastonnh.org.

Respectfully submitted,
The Easton Select Board
Tom Boucher - Chairman
Kevin O'Brien
Ned Cutler

TOWN MEETING WARRANT MARCH 13, 2012

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. Polls are open from 3:00PM to 6:00PM for voting on Article 1. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00PM.

Ballot Clerks were sworn in at 2:30 pm, and as Moderator Jim Collier was on the ballot for reelection, he appointed and swore in an acting Moderator, Brenda Adam, to serve during voting hours. He then called the warrant, officially opening the polls at 3:00 pm. Voting commenced from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Election results are below.

The annual business meeting for the Town of Easton was called to order by the Moderator, Jim Collier at 7:00 pm. Mr. Collier opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He pointed out how nice it was that we enjoyed the freedom to do that. He made a brief introduction to the tradition of the Town Meeting form of government and gave the usual basic guidelines of the rules of the meeting including how to overturn his decisions and reminded people to state their names and addresses when recognized and to address their comments to the Moderator. The Moderator then introduced the Select Board members and the Town Clerk and read the call to the Warrant.

A motion was made by Frank Woodruff, seconded by many, to dispense with the reading of the entire Warrant. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, on the Official Ballot. (Ballot Vote)

The Moderator read the Article and announced the results of the Article as follows:

Selectman - 3 year term:		Moderator - 2 year term:	
Ned Cutler	56	James Collier	52
Town Clerk - 1 year term:		Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 year term:	
Bob Thibault	56	Lisa Cutler	51
Tax Collector - 1 year term:		Cemetery Trustee - 3 year term:	
Lisa Cutler (write-in)	39	Kris Pastoriza	56
Treasurer - 1 year term:		Library Trustee - 3 year term:	
Darrel Gearhart	51	Laura Treuman	50
Planning Board - 3 year term:			
Kathy Ouellette	54		

Mr. Collier also thanked Brenda Adam for sitting in on the election as acting Moderator and helping with the vote count, along with Barbara Collier, Frank and Toni Woodruff, Sonia German, Trish O'Brien and Shirley Boucher.

ARTICLE 2. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$209,145 for general Town operations as follows:

Executive	\$18,150.00
Elect Regis, Town Clerk, Vital Stats	13,150.00
Financial Administration	11,800.00
Revaluation of Individual Prop.	4,600.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
Government Buildings	16,200.00
Cemetery	2,075.00
Insurance	5,027.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	2,574.00
General Government-Contingency	7,500.00
Police Department	1,500.00
Ambulances	3,770.00
Fire Department	17,950.00
Building Inspections	300.00
Emergency Mgmt - Forest Fire	750.00
Emergency Mgmt-Communication	1,500.00
Highway Maintenance	44,000.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	100.00
Solid Waste	21,871.00
Animal & Pest Control	300.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,938.00
Welfare Direct Assistance	3,000.00
Other Welfare-Tri County CAP	2,000.00
Tri-Town Recreation Programs	8,676.00
Library	250.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Other – Conservation Commission	1,500.00
Construction Bond – Principal	6,000.00
Construction Bond – Interest	<u>3,064.00</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$209,145.00

Tom Boucher moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$209,145.00 for general Town operations, seconded by Sonia German. The Article passed on a unanimous voice vote with no discussion.

ARTICLE 3. Rights Based Ordinance

To see if the Town is in favor of the right to a sustainable energy future and community self-governance “Rights Based Ordinance” to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents and ecosystems of Easton, New Hampshire. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with a copy of the Warrant and copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk’s Office.

(Copies of this Ordinance will be available at both the Town Budget Meeting of February 7th and at the Annual Town Meeting on March 13th.)

Moved by Kevin O’Brien to adopt, seconded by Beth Harwood. Fred Moody asked for clarification of the Article. The board deferred to Campbell McLaren who responded with handouts. He also related the two meetings held in Easton and a meeting in Franconia concerning the ordinance. He informed the body that 121 towns to date in the country have adopted this type of ordinance. Some of the objectives of such ordinances are to dispute or eliminate “personhood” for corporations and to return to the meaning of New Hampshire’s and the U.S. Bill of Rights. The Article passed unanimously on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. Town Roads and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

The Article was moved as written by Sonia German and seconded by Ned Cutler. No discussion ensued and the Article passed unanimously on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. Expendable Trust Fund for Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings

To see if the Town will vote to add \$20,000.00 to the Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance and repair of government buildings. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

The Article was moved as written by Tom Boucher, seconded by Shirley Boucher. Greg Sorg asked how this money was different than the budget line item of Government Buildings for \$16,200. Mr. Boucher explained that that line item was for the usual routine repairs such as electrical work, heating system upkeep, and other minor building repairs whereas this fund would be used for major repairs such as a new roof and a new well.

Denys Draper reminded the board that they should spend the moneys appropriated, feeling that they were slow to do so.

The Article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. Conservation Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to add to the Conservation Trust Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

The Article was moved as written by Kevin O'Brien and seconded by Steve Sabre. Denys Draper, Conservation Commission member, stated that the word "trust" should not be a part of the Article. Steve Sabre motioned to amend the Article to change the wording from "trust fund" to just "fund" in the Article, seconded by Patricia O'Brien. The motion to amend passed on a unanimous voice vote. Fred Moody questioned what the fund was to be used for. Ms. Draper responded that monies could go into the fund from Land Use Change Taxes or contributions and that this was not an operating budget fund. The amended Article passed unanimously on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of paying legal fees arising from the Town's efforts to oppose the Northern Pass Electrical Power Line Project. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be placed in the fund, until rescinded, and to appoint the Selectmen as Agents to expend. Opposing the Northern Pass Electrical Power Line Project is in keeping with the provisions of the Town's Master Plan. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority Vote required.)

Article 7 was moved as written by Sonia German and seconded by Sue Ford. Ardel Patterson asked how much was expended to date, Kevin O'Brien answered nothing to date. Mike Platt questioned whether this fund could also be used for the Rights Based Ordinance legal fees and was answered that yes, it could be. The Article passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. Avitar Assessing System Software

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,960.00 to purchase the Avitar Assessing System software from Avitar Associates of New England. The cost includes \$4,700.00 for the software, and \$1,260.00 for the manual conversion costs. This new software will calculate tax bills and the tax warrant which can then be exported to the Avitar Tax Collection program. (The Selectmen recommend the adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

The Article was moved as written by Tom Boucher, seconded by Bob Thibault. No discussion ensued and the Article passed on a unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To Act Upon Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting

Denys Draper stood to thank Sonia German for serving the Town as Select Person for the past 3 years which was responded to with a resounding round of applause from the body for Sonia German. Tom Boucher praised Sonia's willingness to step up to perform a civic duty and for the hard work and passion that she brought to the position.

Sonia German then spoke of her history in coming to this country with husband Bill and how they came to Easton, got her citizenship and was included in the management of the Town. She commended Select Chair Tom Boucher for his passion and dedication to the job always for the good of the Town. Lastly, she thanked the body for giving her the honor of serving and said that it was the best time of her life.

Steve Sabre stood and thanked outgoing Tax Collector Denys Draper for her years of service which was also met with resounding applause from the body.

Tom Boucher then communicated information about the opportunity to purchase an 812 acre parcel of land in Easton for \$612,000 to be used as a Town forest. More detailed information would be provided at an upcoming Pastry and Preservation meeting.

He also informed the body that work was progressing slowly with the State on revamping the Gibson Road and Rt. 116 intersection and on doing something about the poor condition of Sugar Hill Road.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ardel Patterson, seconded by many and passed unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Thibault
Easton Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2012	Actual 2012	Estimated 2013
Taxes:			
3185 Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	32,429.00	32,429.00	32,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	8,000.00	7,524.00	7,500.00
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	44,000.00	52,051.00	45,000.00
3230 Building Permits	0.00	395.00	100.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	0.00	994.00	200.00
3311-3319 From Federal Government	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
From State:			
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	11,422.00	11,420.00	10,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	9,099.00	9,099.00	9,000.00
Charges For Services:			
3401-3406 Income from Departments	1,500.00	2,498.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	250.00	0.00
3502 Interest on Investments	500.00	951.00	500.00
Interfund Operating Transfer In:			
3916 Trust & Fiduciary Funds	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Amount Voted From			
Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Estimated Fund Balance			
To Reduce Taxes	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	\$151,950.00	\$177,623.00	\$168,800.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	Estimated 2012	Actual 2012	Budgeted 2013
General Government:			
4130-4139 Executive	\$ 18,150.00	\$ 16,322.00	\$ 18,150.00
4140-4149 Election, Reg., & Vital Statistics	13,150.00	12,047.00	12,650.00
4150-4151 Financial Administration	11,800.00	10,091.00	12,700.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	4,600.00	3,930.00	7,100.00
4153 Legal Expenses	5,000.00	1,662.00	5,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	2,000.00	1,919.00	2,000.00
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	1,026.00	2,500.00
4194 General Government Buildings	16,200.00	23,565.00	16,200.00
4195 Cemeteries	2,075.00	4,556.00	3,575.00
4196 Insurance	5,027.00	4,880.00	5,100.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,574.00	1,074.00	1,500.00
4199 Other General Government	7,500.00	100.00	7,500.00
Public Safety:			
4210-4214 Police	1,500.00	1,064.00	1,000.00
4215-4219 Ambulance	3,770.00	0.00	3,770.00
4220-4229 Fire	17,950.00	17,552.00	23,800.00
4240-4249 Building Inspections	300.00	0.00	300.00
4290-4298 Emergency Management	750.00	0.00	0.00
4299 Other (including communications)	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Highways and Streets:			
4312 Highways & Streets	44,000.00	40,705.00	45,000.00
Sanitation:			
4321 Administration	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4323 Solid Waste Collection	100.00	0.00	100.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	20,871.00	21,871.00	24,167.00
Health:			
4414 Pest Control	300.00	0.00	300.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	1,938.00	1,000.00	1,325.00
Welfare:			
4445-4449 Vendor Payments & Other	5,000.00	2,050.00	5,290.00
Culture and Recreation:			
4520-4529 Parks & Recreation	8,676.00	9,061.00	9,888.00
4550-4559 Library	250.00	254.00	250.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	100.00	0.00	100.00
4589 Other Culture & Recreation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

Conservation:			
4619 Other Conservation	1,500.00	1,638.00	1,750.00
Debt Service:			
4711 Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	6,000.00	6,023.00	6,200.00
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	<u>3,064.00</u>	<u>2,756.00</u>	<u>2,700.00</u>
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	\$209,145.00	\$188,646.00	\$223,415.00

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4915 To Capital Reserve Fund #10	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$20,000.00
4916 To Exp. Trust Fund #6, 7, 9, 11	<u>32,000.00</u>	<u>32,000.00</u>	<u>23,000.00</u>
Special Articles Recommended	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$43,000.00

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4619 Conservation Fund #8	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
4152 Assessment Software	5,960.00	5,960.00	0.00
4612 Purchase of Natural Resources #13	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Individual Articles Recommended	\$6,460.00	\$6,460.00	\$5,500.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$209,145.00	\$223,415.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	32,000.00	43,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	<u>6,460.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended	\$247,605.00	\$271,915.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	<u>(151,950.00)</u>	<u>(168,800.00)</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 95,655.00	\$103,115.00

PROFIT & LOSS
January through December 2012

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income		
3110-1	Property Tax Revenue	\$ 706,923.38
3185-0	Timber Taxes	12.27
3186-0	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	32,429.00
3190-0	Penalties & Interest	7,523.70
3210-0	Business Permits & Licenses	0.00
3220-0	Motor Vehicle Permits & Titles	52,051.00
3230-0	Building Permits	395.00
3290-0	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	994.50
3352-0	Rooms & Meals Tax	11,420.10
3353-0	Highway Block Grant	9,098.88
3401-0	Income from All Departments	2,497.16
3501	Sale of Town Property	250.00
3502-0	Bank Interest	950.64
3509-0	Miscellaneous Income	0.00
3916-0	Transfers from Trust Funds	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Income		\$839,545.63
Expense		
4130-0	Executive	
4130100	Salaries - Selectmen, Moderator	9,350.00
4130150	Secretary Pay	2,262.00
4130300	Outside Services - Tax Maps	1,040.00
4130600	Office Expenses	<u>3,670.88</u>
Total 4130-0 Executive		16,322.88
4140-0	Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics	
4140100	Salary - Town Clerk	6,000.00
4140150	Deputy Town Clerk	1,000.00
4140200	Fees - Town Clerk	69.00
4140500	Election & Voter Registration	2,510.00
4140600	Office & Miscellaneous	<u>2,467.89</u>
Total 4140-0 Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics		12,046.89
4150	Financial Administration	
4150100	Salaries - Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditor	4,500.00
4150125	Financial Services	3,660.00
4150200	Fees & Miscellaneous	654.79
4150600	Office Expenses & Bank Charges	<u>1,276.37</u>
Total 4150 Financial Administration		10,091.16
4152-0	Revaluation of Individual Property	
4152100	Revaluation	3,930.00

4152200	Reval Software	<u>5,991.50</u>
Total 4152-0	Revaluation of Individual Property	9,921.50
4153-0	Legal Expenses	1,662.00
4155-22	Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	1,918.98
4191-00	Planning & Zoning	1,026.54
4194-0	Government Buildings	
4194400	Utilities	7,600.32
4194800	Repairs, Maintenance & Supplies	15,064.81
4194900	Mowing, Gardening & Wreaths	<u>900.00</u>
Total 4194-0	Government Buildings	23,565.13
4195-0	Cemetery	
4195600	Miscellaneous, Office Expense, Mem. Day	66.00
4195900	Mowing & Maintenance	990.00
4195-0	Cemetery – Other	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total 4195-0	Cemetery	4,556.00
4196-0	Insurance	
4196100	Property Liability-NHMA	4,064.64
4196200	Worker's Compensation - Primex	<u>815.00</u>
Total 4196-0	Insurance	4,879.64
4197-0	Advertising & Regional Association	1,073.83
4199-0	General Government-Contingency	100.00
4210-0	Police Department	
4210600	Services & Expenses	<u>1,064.00</u>
Total 4210-0	Police Department	1,064.00
4220-0	Fire Department	
4220100	Salary - Fire Chief	750.00
4220110	Firefighters Call Pay	1,120.00
4220200	Training, Dues, Other	1,751.01
4220400	Utilities	2,951.64
4220600	Office & Miscellaneous	728.49
4220630	Truck Inspection, Maintenance & Repair	2,482.82
4220635	Truck Fuel	1,342.29
4220700	Equipment & Small Tools	4,252.10
4220800	Building Maintenance & Supply	<u>2,173.55</u>
Total 4220-0	Fire Department	17,551.90
4299-0	Emergency Management - Communication	1,500.00

4312000	Highway Maintenance	
4312100	Highway Maintenance General	<u>40,705.10</u>
Total 4312000	Highway Maintenance	40,705.10
4324-0	Solid Waste	
4324100	Administration	1,000.00
4324200	Disposal	<u>21,871.00</u>
Total 4324-0	Solid Waste	22,871.00
4415	Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,000.00
4449	Other Welfare	
4449100	Other Welfare & Donations	<u>2,050.00</u>
Total 4449	Other Welfare	2,050.00
4520	Parks and Recreation	
4520100	Administrative Fees	1,000.00
4520200	Tri-Town Recreation Program	8,060.88
Total 4520	Parks and Recreation	9,060.88
4550	Library	253.75
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	
4589900	Boys & Girls Club	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total 4589	Other Culture and Recreation	1,000.00
4619	Other Conservation	2,137.50
4711	Construction Bond - Principal	6,023.47
4721	Construction Bond - Interest	2,755.53
4916	Transfer to Trust/Agency Funds	32,000.00
4931	County Taxes	107,333.00
4933100	Lafayette Regional School District	84,730.00
4933200	Profile School District	<u>419,431.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>838,631.68</u>
Net Ordinary Income		<u>913.95</u>
Net Income		\$ <u>913.95</u>

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2012

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash in Banks (unrestricted)	\$277,108.81
Cash in Banks (restricted)	3,576.17
Petty Cash	100.00
Property Taxes Due	67,464.15
Reserve for Abatements	(2,567.14)
Property Tax Liens	9,261.38
Due From Trust Fund	10,000.00
Deposits on Hand	27,050.13
Prepaid Expenses	2,243.75
Total Current Assets	<u>394,237.25</u>

Other Assets

Tax Deeded Property	<u>1,442.97</u>
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Total Assets

\$395,680.22

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Due to School Districts	\$180,365.00
Accounts Payable	28,529.58
Property Tax Overpayments	595.91
Total Current Liabilities	<u>209,490.49</u>

Fund Equity

Reserve for Conservation Commission	3,576.17
Reserve for Tax Deeded Property	1,442.97
Total Restricted Funds	<u>5,019.14</u>

Fund Surplus (Unrestricted)	<u>181,170.59</u>
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Total Fund Equity	<u>\$186,189.73</u>
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Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$395,680.22</u>
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TREASURER'S REPORT
for the Year Ending December 31, 2012

Bank Balance- January 1, 2012	\$ 327,081.63
Receipts:	
Tax Collector	\$707,754.48
Town Clerk - Motor Vehicles, Fees, etc	52,901.25
From Federal & State Government	52,947.98
From Capital Reserve Fund	5,000.00
Bank Interest	950.64
Other Sources	<u>3,296.68</u>
Total 2012 Receipts	<u>822,851.03</u>
Total Available Receipts	<u>\$1,149,932.66</u>
Disbursements:	
Grafton County - County Taxes	\$107,333.00
School Districts	515,060.16
Selectmen Ordered Paid	<u>246,854.52</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$869,247.68</u>
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2012	<u>\$280,684.98</u>

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 2012

Town Portion

Gross Appropriations	\$247,605.00
Less: Revenues	(151,950.00)
Less: Shared Revenue	0.00
Add: Overlay	3,936.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>2,950.00</u>

Net Town Appropriation

102,541.00

School Portion

Net Local School Budget	0.00
Regional School Apportionment	504,161.00
State Education Taxes	<u>(155,268.00)</u>

Approved School(s) Tax Effort

348,893.00

State Education Taxes

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.33
64,965,872.00

Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	65,859,328	155,268.00
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County Portion

Due to County	107,333.00
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(0.00)</u>

Approved County Tax Effort

107,333.00

Total Property Taxes Assessed	714,035.00
Less: War Service Credits	(2,950.00)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	<u>0.00</u>

Total Property Tax Commitment

\$711,085.00

	2011 Tax Rate	%		2012 Tax Rate	%
Town	\$ 1.42	13	Town	\$ 1.54	14
County	1.48	13	County	1.61	15
School	5.59	52	School	5.24	49
State	2.34	22	State	2.36	22
	<u>\$10.83/1000</u>	<u>100%</u>		<u>\$10.75/1000</u>	<u>100%</u>

2012 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$28,551,328.00
Buildings	<u>37,308,000.00</u>
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$65,859,328.00
Electric Utilities	<u>720,800.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$66,580,128.00
Change in Net Valuation over 2011 (\$65,727,057.00)	\$ 853,071.00

TAX COLLECTOR

As the new Tax Collector for the Town of Easton, I have enjoyed my first year in this position. It was definitely a learning year and, I know, that I will continue to learn even more as time goes on.

Please take note that there are some changes in the Tax Collector's office. We now have an Internet Kiosk where you can go to look up taxes and tax cards. This will greatly facilitate getting information, quickly, to those who express a need. The website is www.nhtaxkiosk.com.

As always, you can call the office Thursdays between 1PM and 6PM, or email me at eastontaxcollector@aaahawk.com.

Lisa Cutler
Easton Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levies of 2012 and Prior

DEBITS

	Levies of:	2010
	2011	2010

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:

Property Taxes	#3110	\$53,353.08	\$4,014.87
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	148.86	
Prior Years' Credits Balance		\$(1,796.10)	
This Year's New Credits		(595.91)	

Taxes Committed This Year:

Property Taxes	#3110	712,553.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	12.27	

Overpayment Refunds:

Interest - Late Tax	#3190	<u>497.14</u>	<u>2,816.04</u>	<u>446.97</u>
Total Debits		\$710,670.40	\$56,317.98	\$4,461.84

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:

Property Taxes		\$645,529.85	\$44,223.66	\$3,573.87
Timber Yield Taxes		12.27		
Interest & Penalties		497.14	2,816.04	446.97
Converted to Liens (Principal only)			9,129.42	
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned		(1,796.10)		

Abatements Made:

Timber Yield Taxes		148.86
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Uncollected Taxes-End Of Year: #1080

Property Taxes		67,023.15	441.00
Property Tax Credit Balance*		<u>(595.91)</u>	<u> </u>
Total Credits		\$710,670.40	\$56,317.98
			\$4,461.84

*This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a

**TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 12, 2013**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Polls are open from 3:00PM to 6:00PM for voting on Articles 1-4. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00PM.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, on the Official Ballot. (Ballot Vote)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment #1 proposes to reorganize and update several sections of the Ordinance pursuant to changes in State law, and incorporate additional provisions of State law. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article.) (Ballot vote)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment #2 proposes to change the status of telecommunications towers and the status of excavations from permitted uses to uses allowed by special exception. In addition, language would be added to Section 1003 (Special Exceptions) requiring the Zoning Board of Adjustment to make several findings regarding safety, property values, and compatibility of the proposed excavation with the neighboring land uses prior to issuing the special exception. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article.) (Ballot vote)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment #3 moves the provision regarding driveway grades from Section 606 to a new Section, 810, in Article 8. Passage of this Amendment will mean that these limits would apply throughout the Town. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article.) (Ballot vote)

ARTICLE 5. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$223,415 for general Town operations as follows:

Executive	\$18,150.00
Election Registration, Town Clerk, Vital Stats	12,650.00
Financial Administration	12,700.00
Revaluation of Individual Properties	7,100.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	2,000.00

Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
Government Buildings	16,200.00
Cemetery	3,575.00
Insurance	5,100.00
NH Association of Assessing Officials	1,500.00
General Government - Contingency	7,500.00
Police Department	1,000.00
Ambulances	3,770.00
Fire Department	23,800.00
Building Inspections	300.00
Emergency Management - Forest Fires	0
Emergency Management - Communication	1,500.00
Highway Maintenance	45,000.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	100.00
Solid Waste	25,167.00
Animal & Pest Control	300.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,325.00
Welfare	3,000.00
Other Welfare	2,290.00
Tri-Town Recreation Programs	9,888.00
Library	250.00
Patriotic Purpose	100.00
Boys and Girls Club of the North Country	1,000.00
Other - Conservation Commission	1,750.00
Construction Bond - Principal	6,200.00
Construction Bond - Interest	<u>2,700.00</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$223,415.00

ARTICLE 6. Town Roads and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 7. Expendable Trust Fund for Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings

To see if the Town will vote to add \$10,000.00 to the Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance and repair of government buildings. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 8. Conservation Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to add to the Conservation Trust Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 9. Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the Legal Expendable Trust Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 10. Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$20,000 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997) for the purchase of a new firefighting replacement vehicle. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 11. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expense Fund

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of Forest Fire Reimbursement as assessed by the State of New Hampshire and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in this Fund; furthermore to name the Selectmen as Agents to the Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 12. Establishment of the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest

To see if the Town will vote to support the establishment of the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest in conjunction with neighboring communities and direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a representative to such governing body as will be formed for the purpose of holding and managing the Community Forest. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 13. Community Forest Stewardship Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 from the surplus fund to place in a stewardship fund for the Community Forest. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 14. Easton Sustainable Energy Policy

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Easton Sustainable Energy Policy. The Policy outlines a voluntary plan for reduced municipal and residential energy usage by 2018 and 2025, through energy conservation measures and the use of alternative energy systems. The policy fulfills requirements specified in the Right to A Sustainable Energy Future and Community Self-Government Ordinance, enacted in March 2012 by unanimous vote, at Town Meeting. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 15. Discontinuance of the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund with said funds and any accumulated interest to date to be placed in the Town's General Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 16. To Act Upon Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting

Selectmen of Easton

Tom Boucher, Chairman

Kevin O'Brien

Edward Cutler

NOTES

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

DEBITS

	2012	2011	2010	2009+
Unredeemed Liens				
Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$5,471.34	\$7,932.70
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	0.00	9,988.41	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>0.00</u>	<u>22.86</u>	<u>197.77</u>	<u>3,505.92</u>
Total Lien Debits	\$0.00	\$10,011.27	\$5,669.11	\$11,438.62

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$0.00	\$ 1,403.64	\$ 684.97	\$ 7,932.70
Interest & Costs Collected #3190	0.00	22.86	197.77	3,505.92
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	0.00	0.00	4,109.76	0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY #1110	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,584.77</u>	<u>676.61</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Lien Credits	\$0.00	\$10,011.27	\$5,669.11	\$11,438.62

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2012

Motor Vehicle Registrations & Titles	\$52,051.00
Dog Registrations	469.50
Penalties	37.00
Copies	207.75
Marriage License & Certified Copies	35.00
Miscellaneous	<u>101.00</u>
Transferred to Town	\$52,901.25

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2012

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Name
None Reported		

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2012

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
None Reported		

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2012

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased
None Reported	

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert Thibault, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

December 31, 2012

Assessed Values:

Land - Town Hall and Fire Station	\$ 90,500.00
Land - Deeded	15,200.00
Land - Cemetery	92,300.00
Building - Town Hall	195,700.00
Building - Fire Station	51,500.00

Estimated Values:

Furniture and Equipment - Town Hall	18,900.00
Furniture and Equipment - Fire Station	163,285.00
Furniture and Equipment - Library	2,200.00
Furniture and Equipment - Police	<u>600.00</u>
Total Town Property	\$630,185.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT

December 31, 2012

	Principal	Interest	Total
Balance December 31, 2001	\$120,000.00	\$58,425.00	\$178,425.00
Payments through 2011	60,482.93	42,123.60	102,606.53
Payments made in 2012	<u>6,023.47</u>	<u>2,755.53</u>	<u>8,779.00</u>
Balance Remaining 12/31/12	\$ 53,493.60	\$13,545.87	\$ 67,039.47

Note: Loan from the USDA Rural Development for the Town Hall addition dated December 14, 2001. 30 year loan with payout over 20 years at 4.75% interest.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Funds	Type of Fund	Beginning Balance	Principal	Additions	Interest	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Cemetery Maintenance	T/F	\$12,908.69		\$0.00	\$78.86		\$12,987.55
Fire Dept. Equipment	CRF	356.20	0.00	.55	0.00		356.75
Library Memorial	T/F	230.65	0.00	.23	0.00		230.88
Land Use Fund	CRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Town Building Repairs	Exp/T/F	21,833.01	20,000.00	181.86	0.00		42,014.87
Road Maintenance	Exp/T/F	52,952.07	9,500.00	319.13	0.00		62,771.20
Cemetery Rehab	Exp/T/F	5,232.12	0.00	27.68	5,259.80		0.00
Northern Pass Legal	Exp/T/F	2,513.67	2,500.00	22.88	0.00		5,036.55
Totals		\$96,026.41	\$32,000.00	\$631.19	\$5,259.80		\$123,397.80

T/F = Normal type fund. Trustees share discretion over spending.

CRF = Capital Reserve Funds. Needs Town vote to spend.

Exp/T/F = Board of Selectmen have discretion over spending.

PLANNING BOARD

The Easton Planning Board began the year with a reorganizational meeting during the first week in April, 2012. Jim Collier was appointed Chairman of the Board.

One of the first orders of business was to initiate the revision and updating of the Easton Subdivision Regulations and Easton Zoning Ordinances in order to make them current with the changes to the RSA's voted upon and passed by the last Legislature in Concord. To this end, the Planning Board enlisted the services of Tara Bamford from the North Country Council. Her understanding of the Town of Easton and expertise with current State requirements resulted in a thoughtful and thorough examination of both documents. With input from the Planning Board, and Public Meetings to address the changes, both the Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinances were completed in a timely fashion. The revised Subdivision Regulations were voted on and accepted by the Board. A Warrant Article for the mandated changes to the Zoning Ordinances will appear on this year's Town Meeting Warrant for your vote.

The Planning Board acted on business brought to them by the Public. A minor lot line adjustment for a property on Sugar Hill Road was approved. A minor subdivision for land on Route 116 was also approved by the Planning Board, with all appropriate documents being filed with the Grafton County Registry of Deeds.

The Planning Board was pleased to work in concert with the other Boards and Commissions. One area of concern that was discussed at length was premature building which might bring into question the availability of water sources for emergency purposes. Also, we continue to utilize the Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinances to uphold the vision outlined in the Easton Master Plan of a forested, rural and agricultural Town with protected natural water sources and unparalleled views. This is a mission that unites all who serve the Town of Easton.

We hope that you become more familiar with the workings of the Easton Planning Board. Minutes of meetings, documents, and forms are now found on the Town's website: www.townofeastonnh.org. Should anyone want to serve as an Alternate to the Planning Board, we welcome you! We seek new ideas and different points of view that will benefit our Town and our residents!

Respectfully,
The Easton Planning Board

James Collier – Chairman
Kathy Ouellette
Andrew Noyes

Gary Harwood
Kevin O'Brien (Ex Officio)
(Select Board Representative)

EASTON LIBRARY REPORT

The Easton Public Library realized its goal of acquiring an outdoor book return box due to the generosity of the Littleton Public Library. The Littleton Library Board of Trustees donated their old return box to Easton and kindly installed it as well. This gift enables Library patrons to return borrowed materials at their convenience and allows our staff to put them back into circulation, encouraging Library use. It was a fine act of recycling and conservation.

We spent \$253.75 from the Town Budget for eleven requested books, office supplies, and subscriptions. Patrons borrowed 176 books, mostly fiction, history, gardening, nature, and biography, and 112 newspapers, and 93 magazines. New to the Library and most welcome is "Forest Notes" magazine by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

The Library received an enormous donation of books, many of which are shelf-worthy, as they provide diversity in literature that we could not, otherwise afford. However, we must limit book donations to one carton per patron per year as we cannot accommodate more at one time.

Through the cold winter months, we continue to offer Kill-O-Watt electricity meters to measure household appliance usage. Ask for them at the Library desk. We also distributed five Low and Moderate Income Property Relief applications to patrons.

Heartfelt thanks to our donors: Dr. Campbell McLaren – M.D's Physicians' Desk Reference, Grayden Peckett – books, Toni Woodruff – Wall Street Journal, Barbara Collier – Consumer Reports, Jan Novak – significant labor and supplies, and Littleton Public Library – book return bin. A 2013 World Wildlife Calendar was donated anonymously.

The Library is currently serving 51, with 3 new patrons.

Wishlist:

- New ceiling light fixtures and electric outlets to illuminate reading areas. The present ones are from 1935 and are very dim.
- A subscription to the Sunday New York Times.

For requests, reservations, and renewals, call Laura Treuman, 823-8594. **Library Hours:** Thursdays: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and by appointment.

Be sure to notice the new book lists posted on the bulletin boards. Thank you for your continuous support.

Respectfully submitted,
Easton Public Library Board of Trustees
Laura Treuman
Laura Sabre
Amy Baker

EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Once again, this active Commission has taken on a number of projects and sponsored numerous activities. We have kept an eye on the progress, or lack thereof, of The Northern Pass and its various accompanying concerns. In this effort we are joined, not only by many of you, but by our friends and neighbors throughout the State. We will continue to monitor this issue.

As a closing to our “Taking Action for Wildlife” grant, we were able to witness the completion of a “Natural Resources Inventory” for the Town. Dave Falkenham who worked with us on the initial Taking Action for Wildlife Program remained to complete our “Natural Resources Inventory” and used this Inventory for his graduate school project, serving two very important purposes. Dave also presented his findings at one of our Pastry and Preservation gatherings. The full scope of Dave’s work is available at the Town Hall.

“Extremely interesting” and “well-attended” are two phrases that describe the Commission’s Pastry and Preservation programs. Subjects over the past year have included “The Northern Pass”, “Tracking Wildlife”, and “The Easton Natural Resources Inventory”. Upcoming scheduled programs include an energy presentation, and an update regarding the proposed Community Forest. With several Commission members actively involved in these issues, we, as a group, are kept well informed.

The Easton Conservation Commission has a new website. It is most easily accessed through the Town website, www.townofeastonnh.org. There you will find a link to the website. Simply click on it. If you have difficulty with this access, please let us know. We want to make the Conservation Commission’s website even better and would love to hear from you.

Finally, we, the Commissioners, would like to thank you for your support with all of these projects. We look forward to continuing the work we have started. If you have ideas or questions, please feel free to contact us.

Maria Hynes, Chairman
Denys Draper, Vice Chair
Edward Cutler, Member
Anita Craven, Member
Steve Sabre, Member

Roy Stever, Member
Kris Pastoriza, Member
Mike Platt, Alternate
Deb Stever, Alternate
Toni Woodruff, Secretary

EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report for Year 2012

2012 was another great year for the Easton Volunteer Fire Department and for the Residents of the Town. The Volunteer Fire Department has shown its effectiveness and value to the Town of Easton and to the surrounding Towns to which the Easton Volunteer Fire Department provides mutual aid.

The Easton Volunteer Fire Department responded to 20 calls in 2012 and these calls are broken down as follows:

Fire False Alarm Activations (13) - Structure Fires (1) Motor Vehicle Accidents (2) - Chimney/Stove Fires (1) - Trees on Wires (1) - River Rescue (1) - Grass Fire (1) Mutual Aid Given: Franconia (2) Sugar Hill (1) Bethlehem (1).

Once again, each month, the Easton Volunteer Firefighters maintained a uniform drill schedule within the Town of Easton. All the drills are aimed at better preparedness and greater understanding for each Firefighter as to how to approach specific areas of Fire Service that they are likely to encounter. As usual, the drills were effective.

The Easton Fire Department added a few new members in 2012. Still, we continue to look for individuals who think they may be interested in helping out at the Fire Department. We need help with many jobs besides fighting fires. We encourage anyone interested to come to one of our bi-monthly meetings held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Fire Station.

In closing, we, the Volunteers and Firefighters of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, want to say a warm "THANK YOU" to all the folks who support us in our endeavor to serve our community with pride each and every year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Easton Volunteer Firefighters
Charles Casey, Chief

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET-2013
January 1, 2013

Expenditure	Category	Budget
	4220	
Fire Chief's Salary	100	\$ 750.00
Fire Fighters Call Pay	110	3,200.00
Training, Dues, Other	200	1,000.00
Utilities	400	3,700.00
Office & Miscellaneous	600	300.00
Truck Inspection, Maintenance & Repair	630	1,800.00
Truck Fuel	636	1,000.00
Equipment & Small Tools (Includes Pager Grand \$3,600)	700	8,100.00
Building Maintenance & Supplies	800	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL		\$21,350.00
Emergency Management/Forest Fire	4290	
Labor	500	\$ 500.00
Equipment	300	<u>0.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$21,850.00

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Ambulance Service currently has five (5) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at year's end has fourteen (14) active members and a paramedic advisor, for a total of fifteen (15) members. The membership is well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take an additional 24 hours of classroom refresher and an extensive practical exam, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Ambulance Service continues to seek its' membership by recruiting from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. All volunteers are welcome to join. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

Active members of the Franconia Life Squad at year end were:

Chief Paul Schmucker – EMT-B

Asst. Chief Steve Czarnecki – EMT-P	Mark Taylor – EMT-B	Capt. Pam Oakman – EMT-I
Ned Wilson – EMT-B	Allan Clark – EMT-B	Bill Blackwell – EMT-I
Ryan O'Hara – EMT-B	Zach Mangione – EMT-B	William Mead – EMT-P
John Ireland – EMT-B	Gareth Slattery – EMT-B	Linda Mordhorst – EMT-B
Susan Simpson – EMT-B		Jeff Stewart – EMT-P

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 191 calls for assistance during 2012, of those 77 required transport.

In 2012, the operating expenses were \$45,153. Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$33,117 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being \$12,036.

Your Ambulance is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support – paramedic level.

Again, I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support and the privilege of serving them. I especially thank the men and women of the Franconia Ambulance for their countless hours of dedication and sacrifice, serving others in their community.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Schmucker – Chief – Franconia Life Squad

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

Even though the paper commodities were down slightly (3%), we still managed to have another successful year in 2012.

- Newspaper -- 42.6 tons
- Cardboard -- 62.1 tons
- Mixed paper -- 44.1 tons
- Aluminum -- 3.1 tons
- Tin -- 5.3 tons
- #1 Plastic -- 3.3 tons
- #2 Plastic -- 5.1 tons
- Scrap Metal -- 19.4 tons
- Glass -- 88.2 tons
- Textiles -- 6.2 tons
- Electronics -- 11.9 tons

On behalf of your employees Kevin, Nate, Troy and myself, Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Wells
Transfer Station Manager

LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Department has had another great year. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who made this happen.

The Old Home Day, Franconia Scramble, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Pumpkin Festival, Wobble & Gobble 5k Road Race and the Summer Concert Series were all very successful, bringing people and revenue to our towns. We hope to improve upon all of the above and add new events when possible.

The ice skating has been very good and the rink is getting lots of use; Family Skate Night, birthday parties, after school activities, Lafayette Elementary School Winter Program, tourist, second home owners and local residents have all come out to play.

The rink received a fresh coat of paint, and nets for tennis and basketball. Thanks to the proceeds from the Top Notch Triathlon.

There are abundant trails in the three towns and we are in a continuous process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. We have organized a group of trail enthusiasts for this purpose, called the “Franconia Area Trails” group or FAT for short. A map is available at local stores. Anyone interested in adopting a trail should email recreation@franconianh.org.

With the help of the Profile High School Project Venture Class, we built a bridge on the Gale River Trail and built new benches for the Dow Park.

Youth soccer, baseball, softball and basketball had excellent attendance and successes along the way. Thank you very much to all the coaches who give so much of their time to these programs and our kids.

Kris Kappler has done another outstanding job of organizing all the youth teams, and the summer program. Without her dedication and organizational skills our heads would spin. A good leader brings out the best in the staff and our team of recreation counselors proved just that.

The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month the location to be announced. Check the Town website www.franconianh.org for more details, and check out www.lafayetterecreation.weebly.com for all kinds of fun.

Watch for next summer’s schedule and participate in the “SNAP SHOT CHALLENGE.” You’ll find the pictures at www.franconianh.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Lafayette Committee Members

Franconia: Jeff Malcolm, Beth Horan & Adam Boyer

Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Cindy McClaren

Easton: Sue Ford & Matt Koehler

Kris Kappler, Youth Program Director
Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE AGENCY, INC.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency makes it possible for hundreds of people each year to continue to fulfill their desire to remain in their own home. We coordinate all aspects of our clients' care such as nursing, rehabilitation services, personal care, and homemaking and companion support with a keen respect for individual needs. It is the respect for our clients' values and expectations that has earned us the reputation for providing compassionate home health care and hospice services. In addition, we provide many health screening clinics such as blood pressure and foot care in the community. This year we have been awarded "High Honor" for our patient satisfaction surveys being in the top 20% of Home Health Care Agencies nationally. Additional information about our agency and our services may be obtained on our website www.nchha.com.

The mission of North Country Home Health & Hospice is to provide compassionate and quality home health and hospice care to the residents of Easton regardless of their ability to pay. It is through the support of the community donations that makes it possible for our agency to continue this mission. Many of our services provide vital care to the community and prevents further problems with client's medical issues and keeps them out of more costly health care systems such as the hospital or nursing home.

It is our sincere hope that the residents of Easton will continue to support North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency in the amount of \$610.00. We have seen a continued increase in the demand for our services combined with dwindling reimbursement. Thus the financial support from our towns is vital. A formal written report of services will be forwarded to Selectmen as soon as possible after the close of our current calendar year.

North Country Home Health & Hospice appreciates the continued support your community has given to our client services. Your contributions have allowed for the best possible outcomes for all those who need our assistance. Thank you for your generosity and support throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Bussey, MS, RN
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2011-12, 9 older residents of Easton were served by one or more of the Council's programs through the Littleton Area Senior Center, and 2 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Easton residents enjoyed 15 hot nutritious meals with others in the Littleton Area Senior Center dining room.
- Easton residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 26 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- ServiceLink assisted Easton residents on 4 occasions.

The cost to provide Council services for Easton residents in 2011-12 was \$545.45.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. Easton's population over age 60 has increased by 79.6% over the past 20 years according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Easton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enables them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner
Executive Director

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS) is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$500 from the Town of Easton for 2013. This amount will help us to continue to provide high quality healthcare to our **51 Easton Patients** and to reach more of those who are in need of our services.

ACHS has been a vital part of the community for 35 years and while many of our services are paid for through Medicare, Medicaid and grants, our reimbursements through federal, state and county programs fall short of actual expenses, and further federal budget cuts are being considered again this year.

Our uninsured and under-insured patient populations have been on the rise due to economic conditions-mainly loss of jobs and employer benefits. Our sliding fee scale for payment of services provides a vehicle for these patients to get the health care they need in a timely manner, preventing a possible costly emergency room visit or, worse yet, hospitalization because they could not afford to go to the doctor prior to the emergent episode. Keeping just one patient out of the ER could save taxpayers \$1000-\$1500 (average cost of an ER visit).

Support from the Town of Easton is extremely important in being able to provide this service to the citizens of the 26 towns in northern Grafton and southern Coös counties that ACHS serves including Easton.

Town of Easton Statistics

Total # of Patients – 51

Total # of Medicaid Patients – 3

Total # of Medicare Patients – 18

Total # of Self-Paying Patients – 3

Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients – 6 (11.8% of total Easton patients)

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, ACHS provides comprehensive preventive and primary healthcare to anyone, *regardless of their ability to pay.*

Respectfully submitted,
Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MSEd
Chief Executive Officer

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that is requesting, \$2,000 in funding from the Town of Easton. These funds help in covering the expenses that keep the Community Contact Sites open for your citizens to access in times of need and crises.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF EASTON HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$30,615 IN ASSISTANCE.

The following is a report of services provided in the fiscal year July 2011 - June 2012:

	Number of Households	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance	10	\$9,375.00
Electrical Assistance	6	2,674.00
USDA food to local pantries		18,566.00
		\$30,615.00

Tri-County CAP provides the above and other critical services for the less fortunate citizens in your Town and surrounding communities, thus easing the increasing burden on Town welfare budgets.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Easton's past support and look forward to continuing our partnership with your Town.

Sincerely,
Karen Hoyt
Littleton Community Contact Manager

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross of NH is a non-profit organization dedicated to community aid in the event of a disaster. Services are offered statewide as well as locally. This would not be possible without the help of hundreds of local volunteers working hard to prepare for an emergency.

Please accept this letter as a request for funds from the Town of Easton, in the upcoming fiscal year for the American Red Cross of NH in the amount of \$100.00.

In the fiscal year 2012 as of June 30th, the American Red Cross provided services throughout the State. Upon request, we can supply information on services specifically for your Town.

- Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to 283 disasters, helping a total of 632 people. Almost all of the local disasters were residential fires.
- We trained 836 students in 95 classes in medical careers, including Licensed Nurse Assistance and Phlebotomy.
- Last year, 2,559 Health and Safety classes trained 18,599 participants in Red Cross Offices and in communities throughout the State. Red Cross classes include CPR, First Aid, use of AED's, Babysitter Training, Pet First Aid, and many more.

In the State of New Hampshire, the American Red Cross hosted 1,388 Blood Drives, with 60,665 residents participating where donors gave a total of 64,930 pints of the "gift of life". NH hospitals depend on the American Red Cross for their blood supplies.

The American Red Cross provides all its emergency relief services free to disaster clients, and we do not receive annual federal funding. In order to be able to provide these services, the Red Cross reaches out to partners in the community for funding. It is for this reason that the American Red Cross of NH respectfully requests a donation of \$100.00.

Volunteers and staff throughout the State of NH look forward to serving the residents of Easton in the next fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration of this request to support the humanitarian work of the American Red Cross.

Sincerely,
Alice Walton
Regional Development Coordinator

SUPPORT CENTER AT BURCH HOUSE

The Support Center at Burch House is a private, non-profit agency that provides direct services and emergency shelter to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking in Northern Grafton County. We respectfully request that you place \$140 in funding, the equivalent of .50 per resident, either in your 2013 budget or on the 2013 Town Warrant to support the essential services that we provide in your community.

In fiscal year 2012, the Support Center at Burch House provided services to 499 victims of violence in our catchment area, which includes the Town of Easton. Our agency also responded to 148 requests for information and assistance to professionals and community members. All of our services are provided at no cost to the recipient.

Support Center at Burch House Services for Year Ending 2012

Victims Served by Crime Type:

Domestic Violence: 387 Sexual Assault: 84 Stalking: 20

Other DV Related Crimes: 8 Total: 499

Hours of Service to Victims: 2,162

Hours of Service to the Community: 9,260 TOTAL: 11,422 hours

Services Provided by Type:	<u>Accessed Services</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>Value/ Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Shelter Services:	55	3,941	\$75	\$295,575
Shelter bednights (incl. food, utilities, supplies, staff)				
Direct Services - Non-shelter:				
Crisis Counseling/Hotline Calls	543	2,172	\$15	\$32,580
Counseling and Support Services	494	3,037	\$15	\$45,555
Legal/Court Advocacy	454	866	\$15	\$12,990
Medical/Police & Other Advocacy	392	985	\$15	\$14,775
Case Management/Support	364	705	\$15	\$10,575
Support Group	28	280	\$15	\$4,200
Information and Referral Services	697	2,182	\$15	\$32,730
School Prevention Programs*	455	1,365	\$18	\$24,570
Professional Trainings**	47	188	\$18	\$3,384
Food Pantry/Material Goods***	468	4,212	\$3	\$12,636
Transportation ****	78	3,875	\$1.50	\$5,813
GRAND TOTALS:	4,075	23,808		\$495,383

*Violence Prevention Grades 2-12 **Trainings to Community

Meals as unit of service *Miles as unit of service

With the support of the Town of Easton and other municipalities in our service area, we can continue to provide high quality services to people in need. We sincerely appreciate your support and thank the citizens of Easton in advance for their consideration.

Very truly yours,
Jeanne L. Robillard, Director
Support Center at Burch House

TOWN OF EASTON

FEES

(As of March 2013 - Subject to Change)

Building Permit Application Fee

\$75.00

9-1-1 Building Numbering

\$30.00

Current Use Application

\$20.00

Driveway Permit for Town Roads

\$20.00

Reappraisal Charges

\$45.00

Subdivision Application Fees

Minor and Major Subdivisions: \$200.00

Plus \$10.00 per Abutter

This Covers All Filing Fees

Minor Lot Line Adjustment and/or Boundary Agreement: \$10.00

Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances

Available on the Town of Easton Website - www.townofeastonnh.org

Planning Board Site

Paper Copies for Review Available at Town Hall

Copies

Taxpayers - \$0.10 per page

Non-Taxpayers - \$0.25 per page

Non-Resident Tax Card - \$5.00 – A Link on the Town Website is Forthcoming

Faxes

\$1.00 per page

*Clerical Time to Meet Miscellaneous Information Requests
\$25.00 per Hour, Payable Before Information Is Released.*

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police – Fire – Medical Emergency

9-1-1

New Hampshire State Police – Troop F

846-3333

Fire Chief

Charles Casey – 823-0020 or 616-8053

Fire Wardens

Warden – Arthur Rainville – 823-9558

Deputy – Darrel Gearhart – 823-7152

Deputy – Charles Casey – 823-0020

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Town Hall Telephone – 823-8017

Town Hall Fax – 823-7780

Hours

**Thursday – 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
and by appointment**

A license for all dogs is required by May 1, 2013

**A Current Rabies Certificate is required in Easton
in order to license a dog.**

Select Board Meetings for 2013

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Select Board Meetings – 6:00 p.m. every other Monday evening.

Meetings on Memorial Day and Labor Day are scheduled for the next day (Tuesday).

*Planning Board Meetings – 7:00 p.m. first Wednesday of each month.

Conservation Commission – 8:00 a.m. third Friday of each month. No Meetings June, July and August.

Department Head Meetings with the Select Board – by request.

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